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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR READING OUT AN ELECTRONIC IMAGE SENSOR
THAT IS SUBDIVIDED INTO IMAGE POINTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the quantities of image points and/or groups of image points overlap at least in a region of the image surface.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the further processing of the signals from image points read out, notably their amplification, is performed in dependence on the relevant scanning rate of the image points.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the image sensor is sensitive to X-rays.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the image points and/or the groups of image points that are read out at a lower scanning rate are irradiated with a lower intensity.

9. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that it is arranged in such a manner that it is capable of carrying out a method.

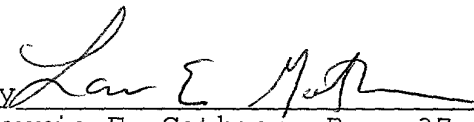
10. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that the reading unit is arranged in such a manner that it bases the processing, notably the signal amplification, on the scanning rate at which the relevant image points and/or groups of image points are addressed.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claims 4-7 and 9-10 were made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 3~~, characterized in that the quantities of image points and/or groups of image points overlap at least in a region of the image surface.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 4~~, characterized in that the further processing of the signals from image points read out, notably their amplification, is performed in dependence on the relevant scanning rate of the image points.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that the image sensor is sensitive to X-rays.

7. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 6~~, characterized in that the image points and/or the groups of image points that are read out at a lower scanning rate are irradiated with a lower intensity.

9. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that it is arranged in such a manner that it is capable of carrying out a method ~~as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 7~~.

10. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 8 ~~or 9~~, characterized in that the reading unit is arranged in such a manner that it bases the processing, notably the signal amplification, on the scanning rate at which the relevant image points and/or groups of image points are addressed.